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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Senator Thomas J. Dodd's Trip to
Germany and Switzerland

1. This memorandum is for the information of the Director of Central Intelligence.
2. On Wednesday, 16 August 1961, I met with Mr. David Martin, Staff Assistant to Senator Thomas J. Dodd (D., Conn.), concerning the trip from which Dodd and Martin just returned having met with Chancellor Conrad Adenauer and other West German officials. Senator Dodd had spoken on the floor of the Senate yesterday reporting his observations of the current Berlin crisis. (Tab A)
3. In his remarks on the floor, Senator Dodd said that he had heard from a most reliable source that Khrushchev recently told leaders from another western nation that he felt he had an overall military superiority at the moment and that he was planning to move against us before a possible reversal of the balance of power could take place. My Martin informed me that the leader to whom Khrushchev had made this remark was Prime Minister Fanfani. The report had been passed to the Senator by either Chancellor Adenauer or Globke. I told Martin that we were interested in the Senator's trip and that some of our people might like to talk with him about it. Martin indicated that he would pass this on to the Senator.
4. I am attaching for your information State Department and CIA cable traffic pertaining to this trip. (Tab B) I have underlined the stated purpose for the Senator's trip as contained in the original State cable.

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Assistant Legislative Counsel

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Attachments:

Tab A - Congressional Record
Tab B - Cables

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